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SUBJECT: HIGH LEVEL AFGHAN ENVOY VISITS KUWAIT

1. AFGHAN PRESIDENTIAL ENVOY MOHAMAD NAIM APPEARS TO HAVE HAD SUCCESSFUL VISIT TO KUWAIT. IN STATEMENT TO PRESS AFGHAN DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER WAHEED ABDULLA REVEALED THAT KUWAIT HAS AGREED TO FINANCE THREE AFGHAN PROJECTS INCLUDING AN AGRO-INDUSTRIAL PROJECT, A SUGAR FACTORY IN HERAT AND EXTENSION OF AN EXISTING SUGAR FACTORY. WHILE HERE AFGHANS DISCUSSED PROJECTS WITH KUWAIT FUND FOR ARAB ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND KUWAIT FOREIGN TRADING, CONTRACTING AND INVESTMENT COMPANY OFFICIALS. KFAED IS SOFT LOAN
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AGENCY THAT LOANS MONEY FOR INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS WHILE KFTCIC IS

ROUGHLY ANALOGOUS TO IFC AND WILL LOOK INTO EQUITY OR EQUITY/LAON COMBINATION FINANCING.

2. IN HIS PRESS CONFERENCE ABDULLA TOUCHED ON AFGHAN-PAKISTAN RELATIONS, SAYING THAT AFGHANISTAN WANTS AMICABLE SOLUTION TO BILATERAL PROBLEMS. HE MENTIONED AFGHAN CONCERN OVER CONDITION OF BALUCHIS AND PATHANS. HE SAID 580 BALUCHI REFUGEES HAVE MIGRATED TO AFGHANISTAN BECAUSE OF PAK ARMY OPERATIONS IN BALUCHISTAN. HE SAID AFGHANISTAN WOULD ALLOW PLO OFFICE IN THE COUNTRY IF ARAFAT APPROACHED AFGHAN GOVERNMENT.

3. COMMENT: KUWAITIS HAVE BEEN PREPARED FOR SOME TIME TO ASSIST AFGHANISTAN. NAIM WAS GIVEN TOP DRAWER TREATMENT WHILE HERE, AND WE THINK, GOOD CHANCE EXISTS THAT KUWAITI SUPPORT FOR AFGHAN PROJECTS WILL BE PROVIDED. HOW LONG IT WILL TAKE TO IMPLEMENT PROJECTS, HOWEVER, IS ANOTHER MATTER.
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